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In re Application of:

Docket No.: 684.2745

NAOTO SANO, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/163,402

Examiner: L. Scott, Jr.

Filed: September 30, 1998

Group Art Unit: 2881

For: GAS LASER DEVICE AND EXPOSURE
APPARATUS USING THE SAME

Date: May 21, 2001

THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

 No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	26	MINUS	26	= 0	x \$9 \$18	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	x \$40 \$80	\$ 0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$135/\$270						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---					\$ 0.00	

- Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
- A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

- Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the fee for a _____ month extension is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director, the Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to its examination, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the present Abstract of the Disclosure with the following:

--In a gas laser device, a laser gas sealingly stored in a chamber is excited using a discharging electrode that is electrically discharged. Laser light produced by the electrical discharging is amplified by a total reflection mirror. An output

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